



KentuckyHistoricalSociety

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KENTUCKIANS IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA



Teacher Introduction

4th/5th Grade

The HistoryMobile learning experience for 4th and 5th grade students is designed to teach critical thinking and historical literacy skills while helping students understand the complex choices Kentuckians faced during the Civil War era. This project-based experience includes pre-visit activities, a visit from the HistoryMobile, and post-visit activities. Teachers may select activities that are most conducive to their academic goals and calendar. All activities support Common Core English Language Arts standards.

1) Pre-Visit Activities

- ❖ Introductory Video and Comic Book: Analysis and Discussion
- ❖ Understanding Primary and Secondary Sources

2) HistoryMobile Visit Activities

- ❖ Exhibit Touring
- ❖ Student Research
- ❖ Class Discussion

3) Post-Visit Activities

- ❖ Comic Book Research, Writing, and Drawing (**Note: This activity corresponds to Exhibit Touring Strategy #1 as described in the Touring Strategies Document*)

Groups of up to 25 students should be scheduled to rotate through the exhibit every 30 minutes.

About the Exhibit:

The Kentucky Historical Society's HistoryMobile is a mobile museum featuring exhibits on Kentucky history. The HistoryMobile's current exhibit "Torn Within and Threatened Without: Kentuckians and the Civil War Era" features eight Kentuckians ranging from the famous to the everyday citizen. Through personal recollections, primary sources, authentic artifacts, and touch-screen activities, students can explore the difficult decisions Kentuckians faced during the Civil War era. More information at www.history.ky.gov.